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LACLEDE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS BEST

Increased Teaching Force and Added Equipment Give Greater Advantages to Pupils

The Laclede schools open Monday, September 6. The school year beginning then should be the best in the history of our schools. Another teacher has been added to high school faculty; new sidewalks, new toilets and many other improvements have been made in the building and on the grounds; one hundred and fifty volumes of reference and supplementary books have been ordered for the library, for use both in the grades and in the high school; many new lantern slides have been ordered, so that we will now have over five hundred slides to illustrate history, literature and science; all apparatus necessary for the successful teaching of agriculture will be supplied; music will be taught in the grades and in the high school, and all else within the power of board and teachers to make the year's work a success is being done.

Our course of study in the high school is equal to that offered by any high school in this part of the state. Not only do we offer the regular four year Latin and English courses, but several elective courses have been added. These subjects—agriculture, business arithmetic, bookkeeping and German—are of the most practical kind and should be studied by every boy and girl. In the first three subjects the same work will be done as in the state normal school at Kirksville.

In the freshman year a thorough review of English grammar will be given, followed in the next three years by further reviews and thorough and extensive work in composition. We recognize that our high schools are sending forth every year many graduates who are weak in the common branches, especially in arithmetic and grammar, and we are anxious that henceforth that may not be said of us. To this end, also, spelling at least once each week will be given in the high school.

A class in singing will be conducted twice each week for all students of the high school who desire the work. This class should be very popular.

We are not given to boasting, but we know that our teachers are as competent as will be found in any high school in the county. All of our high school teachers have had special normal and college training in the subjects they teach, and their methods of instruction are the latest and best. With a small enrollment in our high school and three able teachers, we believe that we can not only give as efficient class instruction, but that more individual attention can be given here than in any other high school in the county, and this means much, especially to the new student just entering high school.

We are expecting that our high school will be accredited by the university and colleges for at least fifteen units. In a letter, Mr. Eliff, university high school examiner, says he sees no reason why we cannot be accredited, and promises to visit us early in the year and inspect our work.

We had a number of non-resident students last year, in both high school and grades, but we expect a larger number this year. If you are eligible to high school and have not yet decided on a good school, we would like very much to have

you with us this year. If you are industrious and anxious to learn, we are certain you will like us. If you come to us a stranger, you can not long remain so, for our students, though studious and industrious, are always friendly and sociable. We are proud of the pure, wholesome social life that characterizes our student body. The sporty element, so injurious to the moral, social and intellectual standing of many of our high schools, is not found among our students.

I will be at the school building, Monday, August 31, from 1 to 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of answering inquiries or classifying new students. G. W. DIEMER, Supt.

M. E. Church Notes

Twelve teachers present. One hundred and five in attendance.

Four dollars and seventeen cents collection.

A splendid record for the Sabbath school Sunday morning.

Those who heard Markley and Wickersham at the chautauqua Sunday report excellent sermons.

Now that everything is out of the way, let us go after that scholarship for the Missouri Wesleyan—and get it.

Miss Mabel Kraft will lead the League next Sunday night. Subject, "Relief in Sorrow," found in John 11:1-46.

Dr. L. B. Wickersham is an old friend of the pastor and came over Monday evening and took supper with the family. He is emphatically a self made man and those who heard him give his "Day Dreams" Monday afternoon pronounce it the finest thing given on the platform this year.

The discipline of the church provides that one day of the year shall be set aside as "Rally Day" for the Sabbath school. September 5 has been selected as that day in our school. Let every member of the school with their friends try to be present. A special program prepared for the occasion will be used. The exercises will take the place of the regular morning service.

There will be an "all day" meeting of the Foreign Missionary society at the home of Sister Duckworth on Friday of next week. A full attendance is requested by the president as there is important business to be transacted. It is the day for the election of officers; also, do not forget that this is the day we will turn in our mite boxes. We need to attend to this matter at this time as the reports must be made at the annual conference, which convenes this month.

High School Students, Attention

All students of the Laclede high school who can possibly do so are requested to meet at the school building next Monday at 1:30 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is to ascertain what books will be needed, so that they can be ordered at once and thus avoid a waste of time waiting for books at the beginning of school. Decide as far as possible what classes you expect to enter before that time. Remember that the following new classes will be started: Bookkeeping, business arithmetic, agriculture and German. If you cannot come, please send in a list of the classes you expect to enter.

G. W. DIEMER, Supt.

Miss Loreta Clay is visiting relatives in Hamilton.

THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Perambulating Pencil Pusher.

Robt. Plunkett, who has been mail handler at the station for some time, has resigned and gone to his former home at Newark, and Geo. W. Weaver is on the mail job again.

George Haight, who has been employed at the local telephone exchange for the past few months, will leave about September 1 to take a course in telephone engineering at Highland Park college, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the Brookfield fair last week E. K. Welsh, one of this township's good farmers, got second premium on white corn, while Harry Mahurin, another of our enterprising agriculturists, carried off first premium on watermelons.

Miss Grace Wilson, who has been teaching in the conservatory of music at Winona Lake, Indiana, arrived home the first of the week after spending a part of the vacation period touring the east. Miss Wilson will teach at Fulton, Missouri, this year.

There were nearly a hundred entries in Margrave's Gold Medal bread baking contest at the Brookfield fair last week. The first premium went to Mrs. E. A. Hawkins of Brookfield; second, Mrs. L. B. Standly, Laclede; third, Mrs. J. A. Barton, Brookfield.

Laclede's fine school building was in danger of being destroyed by fire Wednesday. Spontaneous combustion had started a fire in the coal bin in the basement where several hundred bushels of coal is stored. It was discovered, however, before any damage was done, the fire only smouldering about two feet under the surface of the coal.

The three months old babe of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pease, Jr., died at their home in Forker Tuesday, having been ill all its short life. The funeral was held at the home Wednesday, conducted by Rev. Spencer, pastor of the Forker church, and the remains buried in the Laclede cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their many friends here.

Chas. H. Parker has sold his forty acre farm just south of town to V. E. Hogsett of Chicago for \$2700. Mr. Hogsett has a lucrative position in a railroad office at Chicago, but, he and Mrs. Hogsett having both been raised on Jefferson township farms, the city does not appeal to them and they will return to farm life, and our people will certainly be glad to have them locate here again. Mr. and Mrs. Parker will buy property and move to town and will be welcomed by their many friends here.

A meeting of the Jefferson township fair association was held last Saturday afternoon. The sentiment was unanimous for holding the usual one day fair sometime in September. The following officers were elected: W. S. Savage, president; S. Baker, vice-president; Hal W. Lomax, secretary; Ed. O. Barton, treasurer. The selection of a date was left to the officers. A committee will call upon the merchants and business men and others who ought to be interested and if the money is promptly subscribed a date will be selected and arrangements will proceed as rapidly as possible.

L. W. Lomax is at Des Moines to attend the Iowa state fair.

Some Evening Reveries.

Keep your skeletons shut up in your closets is a good rule for everybody to obey. A sorrow or misfortune may bring to you the sympathy, not only of your friends, but of indifferent acquaintances, but there are limits beyond which this will not be carried. People soon tire of a grief in which they are not personally concerned. The sunshine is so much more agreeable than the shadow that it will be sought for, and they expect you will help to make it as soon as what they assume to be a reasonable time has passed by. If you do not, if you are constantly opening the doors of your skeleton closet and weeping over what it contains, you need not be surprised that you are shunned by those upon whose affection you have most counted. You must smile though your heart be well nigh broken, and it is right that you should do so. The world, albeit it is not a bad world, is still full enough of care and of burdens for each human being to carry for himself so as to make the carrying of those of others for a protracted period unbearable.

There is a tendency on the part of some mothers to do so much for their children that virtually a premium is placed upon selfishness. The child whose every wish is anticipated, and for whom nothing is too good, is apt to grow up an exceedingly unpleasant person, unless, indeed, there be an extraordinary amount of natural good in him to counterbalance the undue indulgence. Shielding children from every chilling breath of life's air begets a love of ease and selfish enjoyment which becomes fixed when childhood is past. A mother, for instance, had denied herself every comfort. She had risen early and had taken rest late in order that her daughters might have a "perfectly happy girlhood." No duty was exacted of them. If they were minded to help, they might do so; if not, there was no one to ease the weary mother of her burden. Small wonder is it that after these girls grew up their sole thought was for self. The mother was ignored by them; disrespectfully spoken of as "old-fashioned" and "without taste." Indeed, she was only regarded as one who could brew and bake, and was even ordered—no other word can be used—to wait upon them while they lolled in their easy chairs. Never having been taught to spend and be spent in doing good, these young women were not the helpers of those in need, and never carried sunshine into darkened homes. Even their best friends tired of them, and their lives were unlovely and discontented. There can be no happiness in life unless the straight line of duty, which leads to "beauty's curve," be conscientiously followed. Let every mother inculcate in her children's minds that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The Meadville chautauqua has been drawing large crowds the past week and everybody delighted with the program. There have been no disappointments and the management is making good in every particular. Today's program will open at the morning session with music by the Hungarian orchestra, followed by a lecture by Alexander Corkey. In the afternoon there will be a lecture by L. H. Moore and at the evening session there will be entertainment by Gilbert Atlee Eldredge. The session closes tomorrow with a strong program.

SHORT PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Mrs. M. F. Clay was in Chillicothe Thursday.

Miss Laura Prewitt of Chula is the guest of Miss Esther Rowland on route two.

E. E. Webley and wife are at Des Moines, Iowa, visiting Mr. Webley's parents.

Mrs. Mills Coleman was called to Iowa this week by the serious illness of her father.

Miss Frances Drescher of Hannibal is visiting in Laclede, guest of Miss Gussie B. Bruns.

Jerome Brown, passenger brakeman on the Burlington, spent yesterday with home folk here.

Mrs. Clara Ridings of Kansas City is here visiting her father, J. H. Wilson, and other relatives.

Everett Brenner will leave the first of next month to enter Gem City business college at Quincy.

Mrs. Lena Bowlby of Carrollton is here visiting her mother, Mrs. J. C. Carothers, and other relatives.

Mrs. J. A. Reeder and two children of Lee's Summit visited Miss Mattie Reeder here the past week.

Miss Florence Minich of La Harpe, Kansas, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Murly Smith on route one.

Wm. A. Smith is here from Farmington, Illinois, looking after his farm property northwest of town.

Mrs. Erma Brott of Brookfield visited friends here the first of the week, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McDonnell.

Mrs. Vanzant, who has spent the summer here with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Weaver, left Tuesday for Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kraft and two daughters of Bethel have spent the past week here visiting Wm. Kraft and family.

Chas. B. Dagger of Walnut, Kansas, is spending a few days here with friends and looking after some business matters.

Miss Della Kraft gave her Sunday school class of little girls an outing at the chautauqua Tuesday afternoon and they report a fine time.

Miss Mattie Reeder is home from spending six weeks in Linneus in the capacity of trained nurse for a sick child of Station Agent O'Rear.

S. M. Wroe on route three left Thursday for Chapin, Illinois, in response to a telegram announcing the death of his niece, Mrs. LeRoy Brown.

After a pleasant visit of several weeks with relatives here, Mrs. Van Fleet and two little daughters returned to their home at Hillsdale, Michigan, last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Morris, on their way from Kansas to their home in Putnam county, Illinois, stopped off here this week for a visit with J. J. Deininger and family.

Merlin and Resin Wilkins came in Wednesday from Walnut, Kansas, to spend a few days with friends, after which Merlin will go to Kirksville for treatment at the Still institute.

Mrs. Catherine Trippeer and daughter, Miss Lydia, of Linneus and Roy Trippeer of Kansas and John Trippeer and Mrs. Lillian McCray of Peru, Ind., have been guests of the family of J. H. Brown the past week.